

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: Government have not received any formal proposal from the Sabha so far.

Shri Heda: One of the main objects of the proposed scheme for taking over Osmania University was to have a nucleus for spreading Hindi in the South. Short of taking over Osmania University are Government thinking of any other scheme through which they can spread Hindi in the South?

Dr. K. L. Shrimali: There are various schemes which are under operation at the present moment. As I said, one of our important schemes is to set up a regional Hindi training college in each area to meet the requirements of Hindi teachers in the secondary schools. The Government have promised to give cent per cent assistance for setting up these training colleges. With regard to the proposal from the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, I am not definite but probably some proposal may have come. I have in fact had some talk with Shri Satyanarayanji who is the Secretary of the Sabha. There was some discussion and some proposal may also have come. But I do not think any firm request has come from the Sabha in this matter.

Shri Achar: May I know whether any consultations have taken place with the Mysore Government to have a training college or something of that kind for Hindi training?

Mr. Speaker: Is Hyderabad Mysore State? Next question.

Flag of Political Party

*1649. **Shri Aurobindo Ghosal:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the flag of any foreign State is retained by any political party of India; and

(b) if so, what is the name of that party?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri G. B. Pant): (a) and (b). Govern-

ment are not aware of any political party in India having adopted the flag of a foreign State as its party flag.

Shri Aurobindo Ghosal: May I know if a flag of any political party of India has got any resemblance—not identical—with that of a foreign State?

Shri G. B. Pant: Resemblance is such an elastic expression that it is difficult to say that there is nothing that resembles something else. But there is nothing that is identical. That I can say.

Shri Vajpayee: May I know if at present Government have the power to ban the use of a foreign flag by a political party in India?

Shri G. B. Pant: There is no particular law on the subject, but if a foreign flag is treated in such a way as to indicate that the person is not loyal to the country, then it may be a question for consideration.

Shri Hem Barua: How to find it out?

श्री रघुनाथ सिंह : क्या मैं जान सकता हूँ कि कम्यूनिस्ट पार्टी आफ इंडिया की रक्त-ध्वज को देख कर रूस की रक्त ध्वज का भ्रम उत्पन्न होता है ?

श्री गो० ब० पन्त : उसमें कुछ फर्क है । कम्यूनिस्ट गवर्नमेंट का—रशा का जो प्लैग है, वह उससे डिफरेंट है कुछ हद तक । धोखा हो सकता है, मगर हैं वे अलग अलग ।

Shri Supakar: May I know if there is such a great resemblance between the flag of the Muslim League and that of Pakistan so as to create confusion?

Shri G. B. Pant: Yes, there is a great deal of resemblance between the two. But still, people who are supposed to be careful in watching these things should notice that there is a difference between the two.

Shri Heda: May I know if the Government find any resemblance between the flag of the Swatantra Party and the American national flag?

Shri G. B. Pant: International flag? I do not exactly know what international flag is like, nor have I studied the Swatantra Party flag. If a flag has been designed, I do not know if it is going to be still born or if it will need any further scrutiny.

Coal Washery

*1650. **Shri Achar:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindustan Steel Ltd., has placed an order for supply of a coal washery worth about two crores of rupees;

(b) whether this order was given after calling tenders; and

(c) if not, how the contract was negotiated and finalised?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Shri Raghunath Singh: May I know whether it is a fact that India is not self-sufficient so far as steel is concerned? If so, when we are not self-sufficient why are we exporting steel to foreign countries?

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: Actually we are not exporting finished steel. We have made arrangements to export some semi-finished steel because though our open hearth furnaces are ready our rolling programme has not yet started. Because of this time lag between them naturally we have to dispose of the semi-finished product somewhere specially when we ourselves do not have the rolling capacity. I would like to add because there may be some apprehension that the re-rollers may roll it that it cannot be re-rolled even by the re-rollers. The capacity in this country for rolling the product of the blast furnaces in the public sector is very meagre.

Shri Raghunath Singh: May I know the quantity of steel that India intends to export to U.K.?

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: Actually I have said that we are not going to export steel but semi-finished steel which we are exporting to U.K. We have made some arrangement to export nearabout 12,000 metric tons of basic grade pig iron to U.K., but not exactly steel.

Shri Hem Barua: In view of the fact that West Germany is herself a major producer of steel and she proposes to import steel slabs from our country, may I know whether this is linked up with any agreement on exchanging of commodities and with those exchanges?

Shri Gajendra Prasad Sinha: Yes, Sir. The hon. Member is correct to that extent that actually it will be slightly a barter deal.

Shri Sadhan Gupta: May I know how much foreign exchange we are expected to earn from the export of this semi-finished steel?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): So far as this semi-finished steel export to a particular firm is concerned, there is a history behind it. Hindustan Steel are now going to set up a transportation pipe mill and there is an agreement with the German firm to supply some pipes to us before we can manufacture our own. Under this agreement, in the early stages we have agreed to supply them some semi-finished steel. Later on we shall be able to get these things produced here in our own pipe mill.

Shri S. R. Arumugham: The Parliamentary Secretary has stated that India has no full capacity for rolling mills. So many applications were called for from Madras State for starting rolling mills, but no application was considered, and no licence was also given. What was the reason for not giving licences to start rolling mills in the South? Not